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DALTON, Dec. 4, 1863.—The latest accounts represent that Longstreet, with part of his command, made an unsuccessful attack on Knoxville, his loss was very small. He then raised the siege, marching toward Abingdon, Virginia. Gen. Bushrod Johnson had succeeded in effecting a junction with Longstreet, without the loss of his supply train, as previously reported. Gen. Vanhook, with the command of one of Cheatham's regiments, was at Charleston, Tennessee, trying to make his way to North Carolina. Our forces are in possession of Ringgold. Nothing from the front.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 1863.
The Vice President called the Senate to order at noon to-day.
The Rev. Mr. SUNDENBERG offered a prayer expressing confidence that though the mortal drives, the Republic still lives.

The credentials of Messrs. Westley and Van Winkle. Senators elected from West Virginia, were presented by Mr. COLLIER.
Messrs. Conness and Henderson were qualified, and took the oath of loyalty prescribed by the Constitution. Mr. Conness then addressed the Senate, and the credentials of Messrs. Westley and Van Winkle were read.

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